

Mind Your Own Business



Message 4 - The Buck Starts Here

Take a lesson from the ants, you lazybones. Learn from their ways and become wise! Though they have no prince or governor or ruler to make them work, they labor hard all summer, gathering food for the winter.

Proverbs 6:6-8 (NLT)

What Should You Save For?

- _____
- _____
- _____

The wise man saves for the future, but the foolish man spends whatever he gets. Proverbs 21:20 (TLB)

Prioritize Your Dollars

Differentiate between your...

_____, _____ & _____

- _____ - Return 10% to God
- _____ expenses

- Build the "_____" fund
- Pay off _____
- Build _____

Two Ways to Make Money

- _____ making money

While we were with you, we used to tell you, "Whoever refuses to work is not allowed to eat."

2 Thessalonians 3:10 (TEV)

- _____ making money

The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. Matthew 25:16 (NIV2011)

\$5 a day invested at 12% over time:

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|------------|-----------|------------|--------------|
| • 5 years | \$ 12,250 | • 30 years | \$ 524.244 |
| • 10 years | \$ 34,505 | • 40 years | \$ 1,764.716 |
| • 20 years | \$148,388 | • 50 years | \$ 5,858,750 |

money + time + consistency = _____

Wealth hastily gotten will dwindle, but those who gather little by little will increase it. Proverbs 13:11 (NRSV)

3 Biblical Principles for Investing

1. Don't try to get rich _____

But people who long to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and destruction.

1 Timothy 6:9 (NLT)

- At 7.2% interest, your money will double in ___ years
- At ___% interest, your money will double in 7.2 years

2. Don't put all your eggs in one _____

But divide your investments among many places, for you do not know what risks might lie ahead.

Ecclesiastes 11:2 (NLT)

3. Don't invest in things you don't _____

Any enterprise is built by wise planning, becomes strong through common sense, and profits wonderfully by keeping abreast of the facts. Proverbs 24:3-4 (TLB)

My Next Step Today Is To...

- Give my life to Jesus.
- Take the 3 month Tithe Challenge.
- I will prioritize my dollars so that I honor God, reduce debt and plan for the future.
- Meditate on and/or memorize Proverbs 21:20